Julio Montaner Urges Decriminalization of HIV

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Julio Montaner, MD, director of the British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, says that HIV-positive Canadians shouldn't be legally required to reveal their status to sexual partners, CTV News reports. Montaner states in an article of the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* that current antiretroviral treatments can make the risk of transmitting HIV through sex negligible, even in the absence of condoms. Montaner suggests that an HIV-positive person who has an undetectable viral load or who is practicing safe sex, or both, isn't actually a risk to anybody. Canada ranks as a world leader in criminal prosecutions for HIV nondisclosure, but Montaner argues the country should eliminate such laws.

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